

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of each claim in the present application is listed below.

Claims 1-61: Canceled.

62. (Currently Amended) A reagent for selective quantitative determination of
cholesterols comprising ~~comprising, separately or~~ as a mixture:

a compound selected from the group consisting of saponins, polyenes, cholesterol derivatives, phospholipid derivatives, bacitracin, polymyxin, suzukacillin and gramicidin;

a surfactant selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene (10) octyl phenyl ether, polyoxyethylene alkylene phenyl ether, polyoxyethylene tribenzyl phenyl ether, heptane sulfonic acid and octane sulfonic acid; and

an enzymatic reagent for determining cholesterol selected from the group consisting of (1) cholesterol esterase and cholesterol oxidase and (2) cholesterol esterase and cholesterol dehydrogenase,

wherein the polyenes are selected from the group consisting of nystatin, fillipin, pimacillyn, pentamycin, trichomycin, fungichromin, perimycin, amphotericin, etoluscomycin, primycin, and candigin.

63. (Withdrawn) The reagent of Claim 62, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of the saponins.

64. (Withdrawn) The reagent of Claim 62, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of the polyenes.

65. (Withdrawn) The reagent of Claim 62, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of the cholesterol derivatives.

66. (Withdrawn) The reagent of Claim 62, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of phospholipid derivatives.

67. (Withdrawn) The reagent of Claim 62, wherein the compound is bacitracin.

68. (Withdrawn) The reagent of Claim 62, wherein the compound is polymyxin.

69. (Withdrawn) The reagent of Claim 62, wherein the compound is suzycasylin.

70. (Withdrawn) The reagent of Claim 62, wherein the compound is gramicidin.

71. (Previously Presented) The reagent of Claim 63, wherein the saponins are selected from the group consisting of digitonin and tomatine.

Claim 72: (Canceled).

73. (Withdrawn) The reagent of Claim 65, wherein the cholesterol derivative is a [N-[2-(cholesterylcarboxyamino)ethyl]carbamoylmethyl]-pullulan.

74. (Withdrawn) The reagent of Claim 66, wherein the phospholipid derivative is L- α -phosphatidyl glycerol dipalmitoyl.

75. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 62, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

76. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 63, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

77. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 64, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

78. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 65, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

79. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 66, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

80. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 67, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

81. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 68, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

82. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 69, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

83. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 70, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

84. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 71, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

Claim 85: (Canceled).

86. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 73, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

87. (Withdrawn) A method of selectively quantitating cholesterol, comprising preferentially reacting the cholesterol present in non-measured lipoproteins in a sample in the presence of the reagent of Claim 74, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the remaining measured lipoprotein.

88. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A reagent for quantitative determination of cholesterol comprising ~~comprising, separately or~~ as a mixture:

a compound having stronger affinity with any lipoproteins except HDL in a blood sample than with HDL and selected from the group consisting of lectins, wherein the amount of said compound is such that lipoproteins except HDL do not aggregate,

a surfactant exhibiting a stronger action on HDL than on the other lipoproteins, and a cholesterol determination reagent.